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The Production of Homeless by Choice in Taiwan: Inoperative Community

The controversy of homelessness by choice centers upon the question of the political. Debates on this issue are divided as individual problem aspect and socio-economic problem aspect, both problematize the excluded status of the homeless. Nevertheless, homelessness by choice in Taiwan is a reversal of social inclusion, a reversal initiated by an interrogation of the sociological bond. In contrast with the sociological bond, which at once harbors complicated relations and prioritizes the immanent collective, the ethical bond of homeless by choice in Taiwan values simple relations and differences. The ethical bond and its spatial counterpart, the floating land bond, demonstrate the effort of homeless by choice in Taiwan to produce inoperative community. The ethical bond of homeless by choice in Taiwan challenges the dominant idea that the political is the power relation between the collectives.